



November 10, 2014

Mr. Kevin McCarthy, Finance Director  
City of Indian Wells  
44950 Eldorado Drive  
Indian Wells, CA 92210

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

Subject: Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 34177 (m), the City of Indian Wells Successor Agency (Agency) submitted a Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule (ROPS 14-15B) to the California Department of Finance (Finance) on September 29, 2014 for the period of January 1 through June 30, 2015. Finance has completed its review of your ROPS 14-15B, which may have included obtaining clarification for various items.

Based on a sample of line items reviewed and application of the law, Finance made the following determinations:

- Item No. 7 – Claimed administrative costs exceed the allowance by \$4,501. HSC section 34171 (b) limits the fiscal year 2014-15 administrative expenses to three percent of property tax allocated to the Agency or \$250,000, whichever is greater. The Riverside County Auditor-Controller's Office distributed \$206,894 for the July through December 2014 period, thus leaving a balance of \$203,389 available for the January through June 2015 period. Although \$207,890 is claimed for administrative cost, only \$203,389 is available pursuant to the cap. Therefore, \$4,501 of excess administrative cost is not allowed.
- Item No. 19 – Housing Authority Admin Fee in the amount of \$600,000 payable from Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund funding is not allowed. Pursuant to HSC section 34171 (p), the housing successor administrative cost allowance is applicable only in cases where the city, county, or city and county that authorized the creation of the redevelopment agency (RDA) elected to not assume the housing functions and that the housing functions were transferred to a local housing authority in the territorial jurisdiction of the RDA. However, the City of Indian Wells elected to be the housing successor to the RDA and retained the housing assets by submitting the housing asset transfer form to Finance on July 31, 2012. Therefore, the City is not eligible for the housing successor administrative costs allowance of \$150,000 requested for the ROPS 14-15B period.

Pursuant to HSC section 34186 (a), successor agencies were required to report on the ROPS 14-15B form the estimated obligations and actual payments (prior period adjustments)

associated with the January through June 2014 period. HSC section 34186 (a) also specifies prior period adjustments self-reported by successor agencies are subject to audit by the county auditor-controller (CAC) and the State Controller. The amount of RPTTF approved in the table below includes the prior period adjustment resulting from the CAC's review of the Agency's self-reported prior period adjustment.

Except for items denied in whole or in part, Finance is not objecting to the remaining items listed on your ROPS 14-15B. If you disagree with the determination with respect to any items on your ROPS 14-15B, you may request a Meet and Confer within five business days of the date of this letter. The Meet and Confer process and guidelines are available at Finance's website below:

[http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/meet\\_and\\_confer/](http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/meet_and_confer/)

The Agency's maximum approved RPTTF distribution for the reporting period is \$6,983,039 as summarized in the Approved RPTTF Distribution Table below:

<b>Approved RPTTF Distribution For the period of January through June 2015</b>	
Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations	6,929,650
Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations	207,890
<b>Total RPTTF requested for obligations on ROPS</b>	<b>\$ 7,137,540</b>
<b>Total RPTTF requested for non-administrative obligations</b>	<b>6,929,650</b>
<u>Denied Item</u>	
Item No. 19	(150,000)
<b>Total RPTTF authorized for non-administrative obligations</b>	<b>\$ 6,779,650</b>
<b>Total RPTTF requested for administrative obligations</b>	<b>207,890</b>
Administrative costs in excess of the cap (see Admin Cost Cap table below)	(4,501)
<b>Total RPTTF authorized for administrative obligations</b>	<b>\$ 203,389</b>
<b>Total RPTTF authorized for obligations</b>	<b>\$ 6,983,039</b>
ROPS 13-14B prior period adjustment	0
<b>Total RPTTF approved for distribution</b>	<b>\$ 6,983,039</b>

<b>Administrative Cost Cap Calculation</b>	
Total RPTTF for 14-15A (July through December 2014)	6,896,453
Total RPTTF for 14-15B (January through June 2015)	6,779,650
Less approved unfunded obligations from prior periods	-
<b>Total RPTTF for fiscal year 2014-2015</b>	<b>13,676,103</b>
Allowable administrative cost for fiscal year 2014-15 (Greater of 3% or \$250,000)	410,283
Administrative allowance for 14-15A (July through December 2014)	206,894
<b>Allowable RPTTF distribution for administrative cost for ROPS 14-15B</b>	<b>203,389</b>
Total RPTTF administrative obligations after Finance adjustments	207,890
<b>Administrative costs in excess of the cap</b>	<b>\$ (4,501)</b>

Please refer to the ROPS 14-15B schedule that was used to calculate the approved RPTTF amount:

<http://www.dof.ca.gov/redevelopment/ROPS>

Absent a Meet and Confer, this is Finance's final determination related to the enforceable obligations reported on your ROPS for January 1 through June 30, 2015. This determination only applies to items where funding was requested for the six-month period. Finance's determination is effective for this time period only and should not be conclusively relied upon for future periods. All items listed on a future ROPS are subject to a subsequent review and may be denied even if it was or was not denied on this ROPS or a preceding ROPS. The only exception is for those items that have received a Final and Conclusive determination from Finance pursuant to HSC section 34177.5 (i). Finance's review of items that have received a Final and Conclusive determination is limited to confirming the scheduled payments as required by the obligation.

The amount available from the RPTTF is the same as the amount of property tax increment that was available prior to the enactment of ABx1 26 and AB 1484. This amount is not and never was an unlimited funding source. Therefore, as a practical matter, the ability to fund the items on the ROPS with property tax is limited to the amount of funding available to the agency in the RPTTF.

Pursuant to HSC section 34177 (a) (3), only those payments listed on an approved ROPS may be made by the successor agency from the funds specified in the ROPS. However, if for whatever reason the Agency needs to make payments for approved obligations from another funding source, HSC section 34177 (a) (4) requires the Agency to first obtain oversight board approval.

To the extent proceeds from bonds issued after December 31, 2010 exist and are not encumbered by an enforceable obligation pursuant to HSC section 34171 (d), HSC section 34191.4 (c) (2) (B) requires these proceeds be used to defease the bonds or to purchase those same outstanding bonds on the open market for cancellation.

Please direct inquiries to Chikako Takagi-Galamba, Manager or Beliz Chappuie, Supervisor at (916) 445-1546.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Wade McKinney, City Manager, City of Indian Wells  
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California State Controller's Office